



MESSIAH MESSENGER

April 2021

Volume 42 Issue 4

Happy Easter

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have *eternal life.*

John 3:16

Worship Schedule

*Messiah Lutheran Church
remains closed to in-person attendance.*

ALL services are broadcast on YouTube, search for MessiahCamrose or find a link on our website messiahcamrose.ca. We also broadcast on Eastlink TV channels 10, 310 and 610 with a rebroadcast on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday 10:30 am

Please call if you have any questions or concerns
780 672 3444 or email office@messiahcamrose.ca.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:00 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(closed Good Friday and
Easter Monday)

(offerings can be placed
through the mail slot
on the inside office door
during the lunch hour)



Good Friday

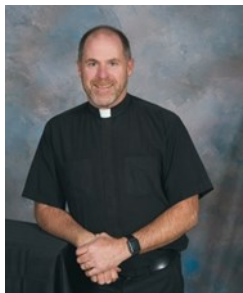
~ A Beautiful Story

April 2, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

YouTube Channel: MessiahCamrose

EASTLINK Channels: 10, 310, 610

Minister's Message



*"Abba, Father, for you all things are possible;
remove this cup from me;
yet, not what I want, but what you want."* Mark 14:36

I am ready for Easter! I am ready for Spring. I am ready for the new life that will soon be shooting out of the ground and filling the air with colour and light and warmth and song. I am ready for the Covid-19 virus to be brought under control and to fall into the history books. I am ready to be filled with joy and happiness and hope. I am ready. I'm sure you are too.

The thing is... we are still moving towards those things. We know that Jesus has risen and still lives. We know that Jesus will come again, soon. We know that the world will continue to tilt its northern hemisphere towards the sun so that we will have longer days and plants will grow and animals (and even bugs) will be born and grow – at least for the season. We know that diseases will run their course.

But... we also know that life is tenuous. We know that changes happen (many for the good, but also some – too many? – happen to our detriment). We are moving into Holy Week with its ups and downs. There will be the triumphal and joyful entry into Jerusalem. There will be the intimate but also ominous last supper on Thursday, the horrible turn of events on that night moving into Good Friday where Jesus is tried, tortured, convicted, sentenced and executed. (Our gospel writers, especially John, speak of this day as Jesus' coming into his glory.) Then there is the emptiness of Saturday. And then the empty tomb on Sunday which at first seems so unbearable but then comes to be seen as a hopeful, joyful statement of resurrection and victory over death.

What we have been experiencing in the last few months – and even the last few years as a North American mainline Christian church – has been feeling for some, like movement into darkness and death. Many wonder what the church will be like when the things get back to "normal". Some churches even wonder if they will be able to survive these Covid-19 times. It should not be a surprise to us that we will experience darkness and death. But darkness and death are not the whole story!

It is good to see possibilities as vaccines are produced and administered. It is good to see that governments are trying to help those hurting the most. It is wonderful to see people reaching out to others in little but meaningful and helpful ways. God is with us in the darkness. God is working with us (and others) to turn darkness, emptiness and death into light, fullness and life.

We have hope. The future will likely not look the same as what once was. Does anything in our world stay the same forever? God's love endures from age to age – we can rely on that. How that love will look may be surprising. Let us open our eyes, ears, minds and hearts to perceive what God is up to and what God is calling us into.

God is ready to gift us with Easter:
spring, joy, community, hope, and life.

Pastor Calvin Skriver

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has been raised...

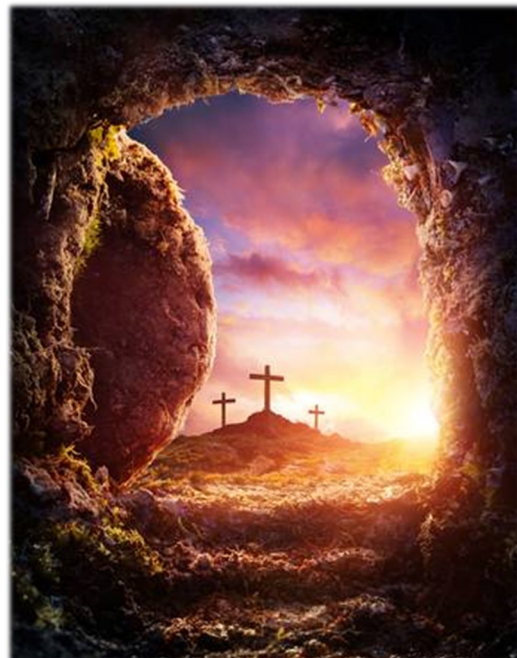
***Go, tell... he is going ahead of you...
you will see him.***

Mark 16:6-7

Call me at 780-672-3444 (Church office).

Text or call me at 780-679-5976

Email me at: calvinskriver@gmail.com



Minister's Message



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

As we have journeyed through Lent these past weeks, some of us have spent some time in a Lenten devotional focused on prayer.

I thought I would take a few moments to summarize some of our journey through prayer as a review for those of you who have been part of this devotional and as a means to include the rest of you in some of the things we have been focusing on.

We have talked about prayer as "breath" and "communion" with God. This reminds us that our very breaths are a prayer and that God breathes life into us each and every day. There is not a single moment where we are not connected in communion with our God... even in our breathing. We can breathe in the spirit of the living God and breathe out God's love into this world. We can breathe in God's healing and breathe out God's healing presence into the corners of this land. **"Breathe on me breath of God."**

The next week we talked about prayer as "listening." Prayer is not only about talking TO God. It is communication WITH God and therefore God is also communicating with us. We can listen in the stillness of our souls and recognize that voice of our gentle shepherd. We are invited and called to live in this spirit of stillness, so we can hear the voice of God within throughout our day and learn to recognize that voice. We can stop at any moment in the day to just be present and breathe in God's presence and listen to that still small voice in our soul speaking into our hearts and our lives. Words are not always necessary as we just BE in the presence of our Lord. When we do we find ourselves surprised at times at what the Lord might want to tell us. **"Speak Lord for I am listening."**

Then we moved to talking about the prayers of "lament." There are so many psalms that are laments to God. In fact, much of the Bible holds prayers of lament. When we lament we pray those prayers where how we feel is honestly shared. Here we find that the Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words. We can call out to God with whatever we are feeling. These very real and honest prayers are heard by our God and welcomed. God draws us close to us in these prayers and we are welcomed into God's heart as we are heard and comforted. These are the prayers that come from the depths of our being and prayers that are sometimes wails, at other times just soft sobs and yet other times angry prayers of struggle. We are welcomed with the realness of our prayers to come to our God with all that is on our hearts. God hears our laments and laments with us. **"How long oh Lord?"**

We cannot talk about prayers without including the prayers of "praise and thanksgiving" where in spite of what is happening in our lives we find ourselves able to thank God for God's presence inside of our struggle and just for who God is. This act of giving thanks shifts our hearts sometimes and brings us hope as we look to the one



whose surpasses all things. We know that our God is close at hand and hears our every prayer whether it is a silent prayer, a breath, a listening prayer or a prayer of lament. We know that God is present with us... and we give thanks for the God who is ever present and to the God almighty who created us and renews us daily in our communication with him. **"Thank you, Lord for you are Amazing!"** (continued)

We also talked about how we pray in “community and as people of God.” We gather to cry together, to laugh together, to praise together, to ask God for help together and to hold one another. Even just the holding of one another and our presence with each other in our sorrows without one word spoken is prayer. We can also put legs to our prayers. In fact, we are called to do so. These are the moments when we are sent out to be the answer to our own prayers. As we pray for those who are hungry for example and then as a community reach out to feed and help those who are hungry, we are putting legs to our prayers. Praying in community is all about being one in the Spirit of God. Even as we are alone, we are connected every moment with others as we are all a part of God’s family and always connected in our Lord. What comfort this can bring. We are invited as a faith community to reach out and be prayer together and to pray with and for one another. What a privilege this is to love our neighbor. When we do we are in communion with our Lord. **“We are one in the Spirit.”**

As we move into the last part of our Lenten journey, we will consider the great prayer that our Lord taught us; “The Lord’s Prayer.” In this prayer we humbly come to the one who provides all things for us; food for body and soul, forgiveness for us, for others and for ourselves, surrender to the one whose love is great and the amazing privilege we have to look to God as our parent. We hear of surrender and deep trust in the one who loves us in every way. **“You are here for us in every way O Lord.”**



Prayer is coming to God humbly knowing that we need this connection with our Lord and with God’s people. We are invited to trust our Lord and to humbly come just as we are. We are invited to bring our real and unpolished prayers to our God who loves to be present with us in our prayers. Through our very real prayers we are welcomed into the presence of God in every moment and in every breath we breathe.

We are invited in scripture to “pray without ceasing.” Our every breath is a prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says this, “Rejoice always, prayer without ceasing, give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (ESV)”

As we are in communion with our God we are praying... and as children of God we are always in communion with our Lord. There is no right or wrong way to pray. Just come as you are and be loved.

This indeed is God’s will for each one of us that we can know that this connection is always there for us.

As one in the Spirit... we pray...

Pastor Bev (Contact me at 780-678-7830 cell or email bev@breatheopenlove.com)

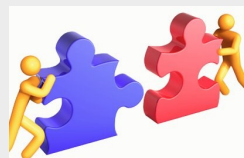
Connecting in the Word

Check out our brief recorded inspirational messages twice a week. One with Pastor Bev and then with Andy the puppet for a message for the kids!

Go to messiahcamrose.ca to find the link called

‘Connecting in the Word’

Join us in this time of making safe connection with one another around God’s word. We welcome your responses.



Eternity for Today

Prayer booklets for

April to June 2021 are

available for pickup from the church office entry for a suggested donation of \$2.00

Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –



This has been a season of revelation. A year has come and gone. This has been a season of apocalypse, which is, Biblically, a revealing. It is a pulling back of the curtains to see what lies behind.

Our current season has revealed what was always there, but perhaps now we see more clearly: injustice, racial inequality, consumerism, individualism, economic disparity, the marginalization of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and LGBTQ2SIA+ communities, plus trafficking, violence, climate crisis, polarization, xenophobia, and gender inequality. And this list could easily be added to.

During this time of apocalypse, I have been strengthened and given hope through the words and melody of a new hymn. This text and music have freed me to breathe again. Through it I have been renewed in our shared baptismal calling to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

I discovered this new hymn in 2020 via a Facebook post, and I have shared it wherever I could.

In 2019, musician David LaMotte was commissioned by the North Carolina Council of Churches to write a hymn in honour of their eighty-fifth anniversary in 2020. The Council was formed to address racial injustice, and continues to work for peace, justice, equity, and inclusion. "God of the Movements and Martyrs" honours all those whose faith has called them to work for a better world, and invites us to join that sacred work. It reminds us that we are all kin, of one holy family.

The lyrics were written before the pandemic of Covid-19, but they resonate with these turbulent, apocalyptic times, calling us to the work of justice, in broad and inclusive community ... that sacred work.

The Council asked LaMotte to write the hymn to work in various musical styles and contexts, and they commissioned several musical interpretations of the hymn in addition to LaMotte's. I encourage you to search "God of the Movements and Martyrs" on YouTube to experience its variety of musical expressions using the hymn text. The Convergence Music Project (convergencemp.com) handles licensing and usage.

Today, I invite you to slowly read and to dwell on the hymn text. What phrase speaks to you? Why? What surprises you? Where are you invited into prayer or moved to compassion? Where are you freed to breathe again or stirred to strive for justice and peace? Where are you invited into this sacred work?

God of the movements and martyrs, God of the powerless child,
God of broken and hopeless and unreconciled,
God of the just and the faithful, God of the night and the day,
God of the whole of creation, in your name we pray.
Many have followed the savior into the face of the storm,
Strengthened by long generations, by love they were formed.
In basements of tall steepled churches, in shadows of fences and walls,
In alleys and hallways of power, they answered your call.

(continued)

Now it's our turn to do justice, humbly we rise to the day,
 Give us the strength and the wisdom to walk in your way.
 Gather the loaves and the fishes, share until all have been fed,
 Walk in compassion and mercy, by love we'll be led,
 Standing in circles surrounding, all holding hands while we pray,
 When powers bear down on the helpless, we'll stand in the way.
 God of the worn and the wounded, let us be healed by the truth,
 When doorways are blocked, we will lower our friends through
 the roof.

God of the circle that holds us, God of the ones pushed away,
 We will reach out to our neighbors; in your name we'll say:
 No matter your creed or your country, no matter the hue of
 your skin,
 Your age, who you love, or the body your soul was born in,
 No matter the places you're broken, no matter the things you
 have done,
 Lay down that weight on the altar, a new day's begun.
 You are a child of the maker, you are beloved and known,
 Join us in work of the kin-dom, we welcome you home.*

**Lyrics used by permission of the author, David LaMotte.*

In Christ Jesus –
 Shalom,
 +Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



Special Gifts Received Memorials

Marvin Lee



April 11th is Food Bank Sunday

Food Bank donations **are still needed** and can be left in the grocery cart **in the Church foyer** or dropped off **directly** to the Neighbor Aid Food Bank located at
 4524 54 Street in Camrose, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am - Noon &
 Tuesday to Thursday 1:00-4:00 pm.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be made online at
atbcares.com by entering **CAMROSE NEIGHBOR AID CENTER INC.**
 in the Find A Cause search area.



We are able to accept
 E-transfers set up from your online banking, that deposit
 directly, at the following email address:
offering@messiahcamrose.ca

LEADING IN CHALLENGING TIMES



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-ND](#)

ABT Synod Area Gatherings 2021

Saturday, April 24 – North, West Central & East Central Areas – register [here](#)

Saturday, May 1 – Southwest Area & Southern Area – register [here](#)

Register at least two days prior to the meeting date.

ZOOM link will be sent out the Friday before the meeting.



<http://form.jotform.com/210475825433253>

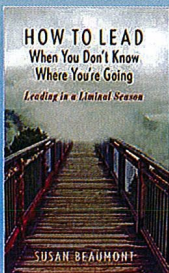


Proposed Agenda

9:00	Welcome and Worship
9:15	Keynote Presentation and Conversation
10:15	Area Conversations
10:45	Health Break
11:00 - noon	Bishop's Time concluding with Prayer and Blessings

Video Presentation by Susan Beaumont

www.susanbeaumont.com



The usual tools of leadership aren't effective during times like the one the church finds itself in now. But in these liminal moments when the way forward is not clear, it's important to pause and draw upon the practice of discernment rather than forge ahead with false confidence. Liminality is about needing to stay in the space you're in long enough to do the important work that needs to be done there. It's often about failing people's expectations as a leader, because it doesn't look purposeful the way that other seasons of leadership do.

Council Highlights

We are looking forward to a spirit filled discernment process being developed by Pastor Bev to help us understand where God is leading us as we emerge into a post Covid world. Stay tuned. This is a process that will need the prayers and participation of everyone.

Meanwhile, Alpha and Zoom online gatherings are filling a real need for spiritual growth. Coffee times in small groups are helping to keep our community connected. Individuals are reaching out to each other, new relationships are being formed, and God's love is being spread through caring friendships. This is the church in mission.

Many thanks to an ambitious and caring group of workers who have now completed a refinishing of the pews. They were able to work with appropriate distancing and use a type of non-toxic product so that the whole process could be completed safely. The Messiah facility presents not a few challenges and we are thankful for the skill and attention of the Support committee who had recently to replace the sump pump in the elevator shaft. The Committee also continues to work on improving the online delivery of our various worship experiences.

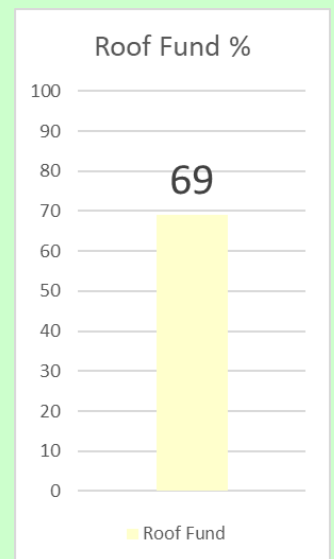
Although it may not feel like a highlight, due to rising Covid cases and variants of concern, Messiah will not be opening for in-person worship at Easter. Christ is Risen. That has not changed. Hallelujah!

February 28 2021 Financial Notes (10 Months)

Offerings and other receipts	\$321,630
Budgeted	\$344,775
Expenses	345,783
Budgeted	\$351,902
Net Income	-24,153
Designated offerings	48,750

ROOF FUND UPDATE:

**The revised
goal is \$92,341
Received as of
March 21:
\$63,595**



After a very exciting rise in donations for the month of December, January and February donations have decreased significantly. Our church is now in a deficit position for the year of \$24,000. There are two months remaining in the church's budget year. Our budget includes Easter being a time of larger donations, so let us hope that this will be true again this year. On the brighter side, I would like to mention that MLC has qualified for a Faith-based and Cultural Facility Relaunch Grant of \$5,000 from the Government of Alberta. This money is being used to defray the costs we have incurred trying to keep our facility open as much as is safe, and keep us broadcasting our services.

Treasurer, Chris Hohm

MLW - Messiah Lutheran Women Update

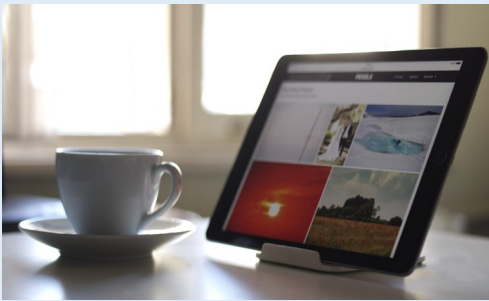
Greetings to our Ladies at Messiah. I know we speculated starting our Circle Meetings in January. Unfortunately, this didn't happen and may not for some time. If we would be able to proceed to stage 3, then we could gather inside with a maximum of 10 people. Pray for a relaxation and safety to meet in circles.

As many of you know, Canadian Lutheran World Relief have discontinued the *We Care* Program. This means we no longer send quilts and kits to Winnipeg. The cost of a ship was around \$14,000.00 so it was decided they would send money to other organizations overseas. This would allow buying goods over there. We can continue to send money to C.L.W.R.

In the fall of 2020, we sent quilts and baby bundles to L.A.M.P., hygiene kits to The Open Door and quilts and bears to Victim Services. Any suggestions are appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. A more detailed report next time.

MLW Executive



Wednesday Morning Coffee Fellowship

While we are unable to meet in person we will have a virtual Wednesday Morning Coffee Fellowship through Zoom from 11:00 am - Noon. Please email the office at office@messiahcamrose.ca to register to receive the Zoom link.

Ever wonder what the process is for choosing songs for worship?

There are a myriad of things to consider.

Tova Olson

~ what season is it? Advent, Christmas and Easter are the most challenging as they are relatively short seasons with many favorites that all need to be included.

~ what is the theme of the service and is there an overall theme over multiple Sundays that is being followed?

~ is there a balance of 'Oldie Goldies' with more contemporary songs? This balance is not strictly kept from Sunday to Sunday depending on what a particular service calls for, but more so overall.

~ is the melody of the song singable in the context of the afore mentioned styles? Some great songs never make it into the congregation's canon because they were not written for congregational singing. Sometimes songs like these will be used as special music or as meditation pieces in the service.

~ what is the prosody between the words and the melody? There are many great lyrics, but not all of them are set to tunes that enhance the meaning of the words. Sometimes another tune needs to be found or written.

~ what is the range of the melody? There is an ideal range for congregational singing that almost all of the melodies we sing fit into.

(continued)



~ how do the songs fit together in the service? Where songs are placed has a direct impact on how the service flows and how the theme and/or certain elements of the service is enhanced.

~ is there a new song that is coming up that needs to be introduced to the congregation's ears? These pieces are put into the service in different ways so that the congregation becomes more familiar with them so they are not completely unfamiliar when the time comes to sing them.

~ what keys are the pieces in? Do they blend together well, especially if songs are part of a medley or mashup? Each key has its own character and a semitone up or down can make a huge difference in how a piece will feel.

~ which instrument is the best for which piece and is there access to that instrument for that particular Sunday? Certain songs are better suited for the organ, piano, guitar, drums etc. Changing the instrumentation of a piece can drastically change the feel of that song.

~ what is the arrangement of the song? This relates back to which instruments/singers are needed, where the song is in the service and what role it's playing, plus a myriad of other things that fit into the equation.

~ are the songs covered by copyright? While the songs in the ELW hymnal are copyrighted for a congregation to sing in their church building, a streaming license is needed in order for those same songs to be used if the service is streamed on YouTube, a similar platform or on TV. Due to a number of different reasons, these streaming licenses do not cover all the songs in the ELW or other hymnbooks.

~ is the song going to be experienced by people in the same room as the music is being made or are the majority going to be experiencing it through a screen? Some songs are better suited for an in-person experience and do not have the same impact when viewed through a screen.

~ is there a nudge from the Holy Spirit for a certain song that needs to be included in the service? There are countless amazing stories that could be told about how certain songs were just what someone needed to hear at that moment and how it impacted their life.

This is an insight into some of the thought process involved in choosing songs for worship, though by no means exhaustive. Some concepts are not as easy to explain.

Messiah has been blessed over the decades with an amazingly rich and diverse heritage of music making. The congregation members are just as diverse, coming from varied backgrounds with different needs and wants. This has also led, in part, to the breadth of worship music at Messiah. The wonderful part about being in a family is that there are people to share in what has touched you and what you enjoy even though it may not always be their 'cup of tea'. From conversations and messages over the years, I can guarantee that each song that is chosen is touching someone in the congregation.

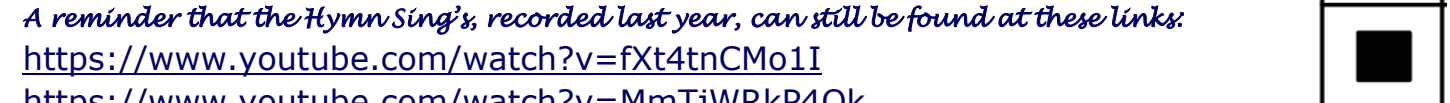
May you be blessed in the upcoming Sundays as we come together to worship and support one another in our walk with Christ knowing that each element of the service is speaking to someone in your family.

Music is a piece of art that goes in the ears and straight to the heart.

A reminder that the Hymn Sing's, recorded last year, can still be found at these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXt4tnCMo1I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmTjWRkP4Ok>



Synod Convention 2021

We are looking for people to represent Messiah Lutheran Church at our tri-annual Synod Convention this year. We can "send" two delegates plus one Youth delegate (aged 16-22) as well as our pastors. This will be on Saturday July 17th on Zoom with an information session on the evening of Friday, July 16th helping people with the process and technology. **If you are interested** in representing Messiah and finding out more about what we do together as a Synod, contact a Church Council person or the church office at 780-672-3444. Thank you.

National Convention 2022

We are looking for people to represent Messiah and the Synod of Alberta and the Territories at the 2022 ELCIC National Convention. The convention is planned to be in Calgary in 2022 (hopefully in-person by that time!). We need to submit applications of those willing to attend to our Synod Convention to be voted as delegates. We may submit as many people as we would like, but only one from our congregation may attend (if any are elected). Please let a Church Council member know of your interest, or call the Church office at 780-672-3444. Thank you.

Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunity For Men of All Ages. A study of the lessons for the next day's worship service takes place each Saturday morning at 9:00 am. All Men are Welcome for Study, Fellowship, and Encouragement in the Faith. Men's Bible Study is using the ZOOM program to meet virtually.. If you would be new to this group, you would be most welcome, and should contact Ray Blacklock at 780-672-7902 to be included on ZOOM.



NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



Rasha is an ambassador for **GRIT**, a new project that aims to achieve improved and equitable learning and employment for women and girls, including women with disability, in the West Bank. This project is funded by the **Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada** and is implemented by **Lutheran World Federation Jerusalem** in partnership with **Canadian Lutheran world Relief**.

COVID-19 continues to threaten lives and livelihoods around the world, and our support is needed. Just **\$40** will provide the provisions needed for food security and sanitation, and will help people to generate regular income to support their families. Your gift could help purchase a set of tools, a rooster and laying hens, a fuel-efficient stove, hygiene and sanitation training for a community leader, a water purification device, a solar-powered street light, or even bedsheets and mattresses for a health clinic.

We all need to consider giving a gift of HOPE this Easter season.

News from Rev. Brian Rude in El Salvador, March 5, 2021

Dear friends of El Salvador:

Another election observation marathon has wrapped up, except for the team working on the final report for the Supreme Electoral Tribunal. Due to COVID-19, our international team dropped by about 90%, to about 15. Nevertheless, we were a "Double-A" team:

"America" (USA) --about 10, including the 4 corners of Los Angeles, Seattle, New York, and Miami (besides a few more centered citizens)

Austria --3

Australia --1

Alberta -- 1

Al SalvAdor -- about 10

(E)spaña -- 1

We hope to be observing again in three years--the 2024 presidential elections (5-year cycle), as well as a repeat of these 2021 legislative, municipal, and Central American Parliamentary elections (3-year cycle). Of course, in this uncertain world, who knows what might be the Salvadoran "reality" three years from now? The "New Ideas" party, a new party, which won the presidency in 2019 through a smaller party, has 0 members in the current Legislative Assembly, until May, 2021. They will then vault to 67% control. ARENA and FMLN, which have dominated politics since the Peace Accords of 1992, have dropped to 16% and 4.7% of the popular vote, respectively. The FMLN will have 4 seats in the legislative assembly, each won with only 4-8,000 votes.

I was assigned to San Miguel to observe this historic process, four hours east of San Salvador and 7°C warmer (hotter, muggier). I'm feeling a little chilly back in 31°C San Salvador. We worked with a team of eight--3 Austrians, 3 Salvadorans, 1 USAn, 1 Canadian.

This week the final recount is being conducted. This team of 49 tables is running into some delays and snags and conflicts. We hope the outcome will be acceptable to all.

With 51% of El Salvador's 5,389,017 eligible voters turning out to vote at the 8,488 tables set up (700 voters assigned to each table), COVID-19 was a concern. Masks, use of gel and spray, and temperature-taking, were quite consistent. Physical distancing? Attempts were made, but this ideal too often proved difficult to impossible, especially at the entrance to the voting centres, staffing each table with ten or more persons, and especially whenever a dispute needed to be settled. We pray that the news in March will not be about the health price being paid by (m)any of these many valiant citizens. "Primero Dios."

We enjoyed several field trips to CIS projects and communities in the days prior to election weekend, including a bit of volcano and mangrove bays / island (sewing cooperative / student bursary community) tourism (what?!?!--pandemia tourism in El Salvador?). Such trips and visits are always highlights--interconnecting, enlightening, inspiring, relaxing.

With open eyes & open heart, Brian

Rev. Dr. Brian Rude

"In Mission with El Salvador" / "En Misión con El Salvador"

Synod of Alberta and the Territories,

ELCICanada

Donations to "In Mission with El Salvador" and/or to "Lutheran Schools in Colombia" may be dropped off at the Church Office.

Submitted by Ray Blacklock on behalf of the World Mission Group

A BIG
thank
you

to Ron Foshaug, Milt
Gilbertson, Don Myrehaug,
Gord Myrehaug, Don
Saltvold, Donny Loewen,
Odell Olson, Steve

Kristenson, Erhard Pinno, Bernie
Williams, Jim Brager and D'Arcy Arial

who, in record
time, safely
(protecting both
the workers and
the instruments)
refinished the
pews. They look



wonderful and
we can hardly
wait for the
day for them to
be filled with
our Church
family.



Thank You

I can't describe this ache I feel
That's deep within my core
Never have I felt like this
Nor have I been this sad before

Tears fall upon my cheeks
And I let them wet my shirt
I sit here looking back in time
And I see how much You hurt

Beaten by the soldiers
Whipped brutally on Your knees
Mocked with a crown of thorns
And then crucified at Calvary

There was no other path for You
The bridge to God You had to mend
You did this for every one of us
Knowing full well Your life would end

Your love defies my understanding
It's beyond anything I know
But one thing that I know for sure
With You I know which way to go

My words cannot describe my heart
I'm grateful beyond what words could say
I will humbly kneel before You
Until then, in Your name, I'll pray

Jesus Christ

Saviour of my soul

I was but a broken man
And you chose to make me whole
Guide my life as You see fit
Help me to be still

Show me what You need from me
Let it be Your will

I pledge my life to You, oh Lord
Son of God and Son of Man
Please accept my gift to You
I give You everything I am

By Boyd A. Bishop 2017

Printed with permission of Irene Bishop



Can We HELP?

There is a group of people at Messiah who
are available at no cost to help with or do tasks for
you from changing light bulbs, helping with spring
clean up outside, to giving rides as needed etc. If
there is small job that you would like help with or
would like done, please phone

Messiah Lutheran Church @

780-672-3444 and leave a message with the
receptionist. You will receive a call back to
set up a time to get together & make a plan.





Messiah Lutheran Church

Sharing Jesus Christ with All People

4810-50 St. Camrose AB T4V 1P5
 Phone: 780-672-3444 Fax: 780-672-3716
 Website: messiahcamrose.ca
 Email: office@messiahcamrose.ca

Pastoral Ministry Team:

Calvin Skriver
Bev Swanson

Administrative Assistant: Lori Mokry
 Part-Time Administrative Assistant: Shirley McFall
 Audio Visual Ministry Coordinator: Lowell Dahlman
 Bookkeeper: Sheila Becker
 Custodians: Carolyn & Lloyd Olson
 Music Ministry Coordinator: Tova Olson
 Youth & Confirmation Ministry: Bev Swanson

Messiah Church Council

Charlene Brown, President
 David Dahle, Vice-President
 Gail Stolee, Secretary
 Chris Hohm, Treasurer

<u>Members at Large:</u>	<u>Liaising With:</u>
Lael Olson	Worship Committee
Donny Loewen	Learning Committee
Dave Larson	Support Committee
Carolyn Andersen	Witnessing Committee
Vacant	Service Committee

If you know someone who does not have access to Eastlink TV or the internet, but they have a DVD player, please contact the office at 780-672-3444 and we can make arrangements to deliver a DVD of any of the services to them!



Sunday morning in-person worship service has been suspended. We will continue to broadcast on Eastlink channels 10, 310 & 610. Rebroadcast Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Our services are LIVE streamed on YouTube. Search for MessiahCamrose. There is also a link for the live stream on our website messiahcamrose.ca.



Previous Sunday's services may also be found on YouTube or on our website at messiahcamrose.ca and under the Worship Service tab you will find "Worship Services Archived."

Messiah Messenger

Published 11 times a year
 September to July

Also available online at: messiahcamrose.ca
 under the Communications tab.

























To request email delivery or to submit articles by email,

Write to: office@messiahcamrose.ca
 Messenger Editor: Dena Grue

Members, staff, committees and groups are encouraged to submit articles so that we are aware of what is happening in our congregation.

Next Issue: May 2021
Material due: April 20
Delivery date: April 30

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 28 Palm Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service 	Mar 29 	Mar 30  6:30 Alpha by Zoom	Mar 31 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom  7:00 Lenten Devotional on Prayer by Zoom	Apr 1 Maundy Thursday 11:45 Staff Meeting NO Confirmation  7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	2 Good Friday Office Closed  7:00 Good Friday Service	3 NO Men's Bible Study
4 Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service 	5 Easter Monday Office Closed 2:00 World Mission Group by Zoom 	6  6:30 Alpha by Zoom	7 9:30 Worship Committee by Zoom 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	8 11:45 Staff Meeting 3:30 Learning Cmt 5:15 Witnessing Cm NO Confirmation	9 	10 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
11 Easter 2 Food Bank Sunday  10:30 am Worship Service 	12 	13  6:30 Alpha by Zoom	14 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	15 11:45 Staff Meeting 6:45 Confirmation by Zoom 	16 	17 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
18 Easter 3 10:30 am Worship Service 	19 	20 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Messenger Articles Due </div>  6:30 Alpha by Zoom	21 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom  7:00 Church Council	22 11:45 Staff Meeting 6:45 Confirmation by Zoom 	23 	24 9:00 Synod Area Gathering 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
25 Easter 4 10:30 am Worship Service 	26 	27 	28 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	29 11:45 Staff Meeting 6:45 Confirmation by Zoom 	30 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Messenger Delivery </div>	May 1 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 